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### Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10, 11, 13-22, 24, 26-29, 33, 35-43, 46, 47, 49, 51 and 52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10, 11, 13-22, 24, 26-29, 33, 35-43, 46, 47, 49, 51 and 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Final Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/06, 7/06, 9/06, 4/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_

It is noted that the Information Disclosure Statements submitted have been considered. The reference citations that have been lined through are incomplete.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13-22, 24, 26-29, 33, 35-43, 46, 47, 49, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ali et al (Milchwissenschaft 45(11)) and Gilles (New Zealand of Dairy Science and Technology, 19) in view of Derian (US 5935633).

Ali et al disclose a composition for cheese preparation comprising skim-milk powder, fat, and a cheese culture (see entire document).

Gilles discloses a process for the manufacture of cheese using a recombined concentrate comprising high-protein skim milk powder, anhydrous milkfat, and salt wherein the concentrate is further processed with a starter culture and rennet and heat treatment (see entire document, especially Materials and Methods).

The claims differ as to the specific recitation of dried.

Derian discloses a dry powdered cheese composition comprising dehydrated cheese powder, fat, and additional components such as salts and flavors, wherein drying serves to eliminate the need for refrigeration, results in a longer shelf, and serves

to lower the risk of microbial contamination and the product may be reconstituted with water (see entire patent, especially the abstract and column 1, lines 22-40).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to dry the starting product of either Ali et al or Gilles as taught by Derian because the use drying to eliminate the need for refrigeration is conventional in the art.

In the absence of a showing to the contrary, Applicant is using known components for their art-recognized function to obtain no more than expected results.

It is noted that the additional components cited are well-known in the art. It is further noted that additional components are optional as the percent ranges for these components includes zero.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Wong whose telephone number is (571)272-1411. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks can be reached on 571-272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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